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STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 127(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

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**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**    Rev.2-2001

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: RETRACTABLE TETHER FOR A PET, the specification identified by Agent's Docket Number: BALJ09A of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation in part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>			<u>Priority Claimed</u>		<u>Certified Copy Attached?</u>	
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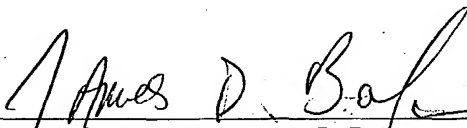
I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby appoint the following agent to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: RICHARD L. MILLER, Registered Patent Agent Registration No. 26,309, 12 Parkside Drive, Dix Hills, N.Y. 11746-4879, PHONE (631) 499-4343

Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

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